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Its History and Its Foremost Citizens

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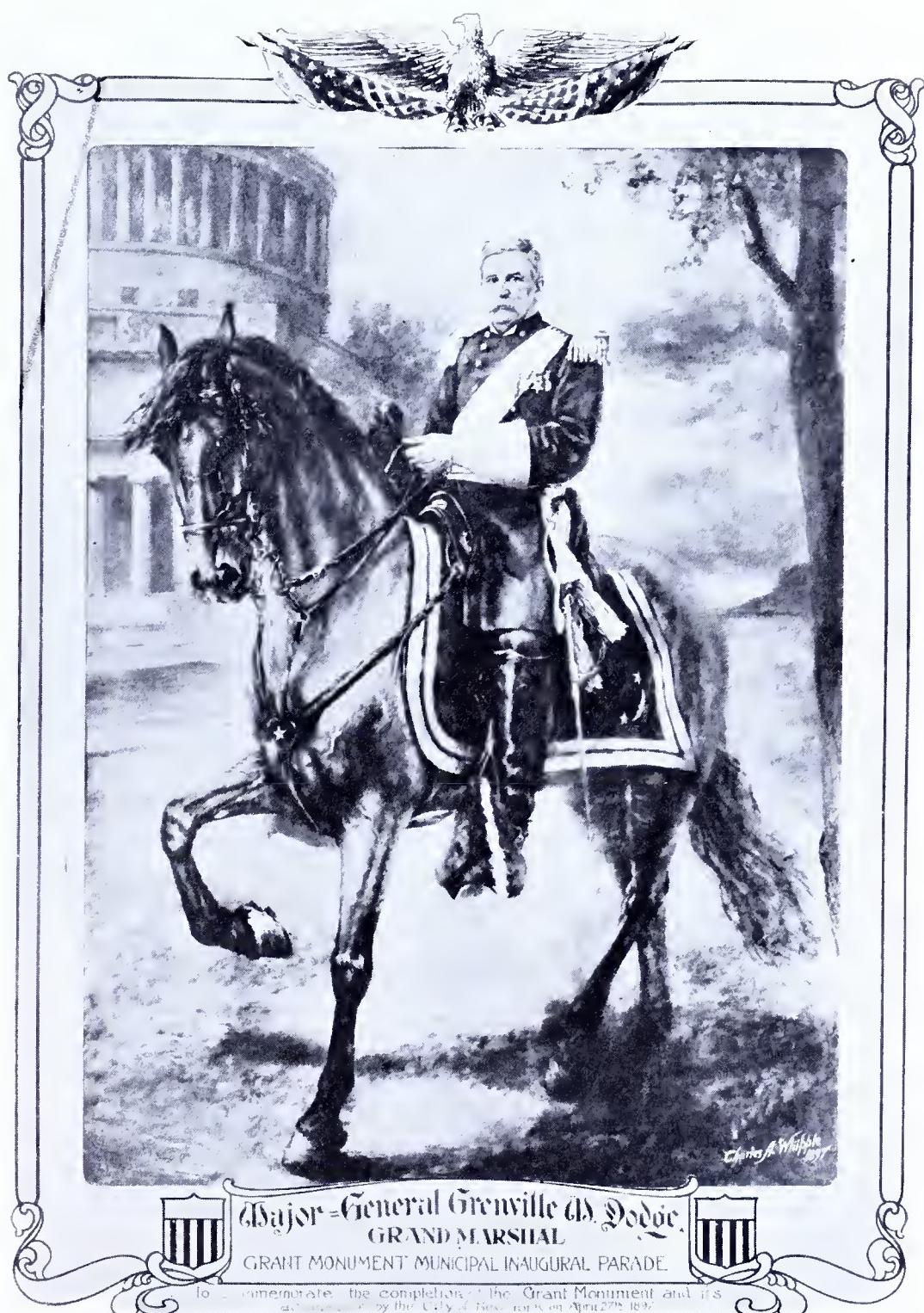
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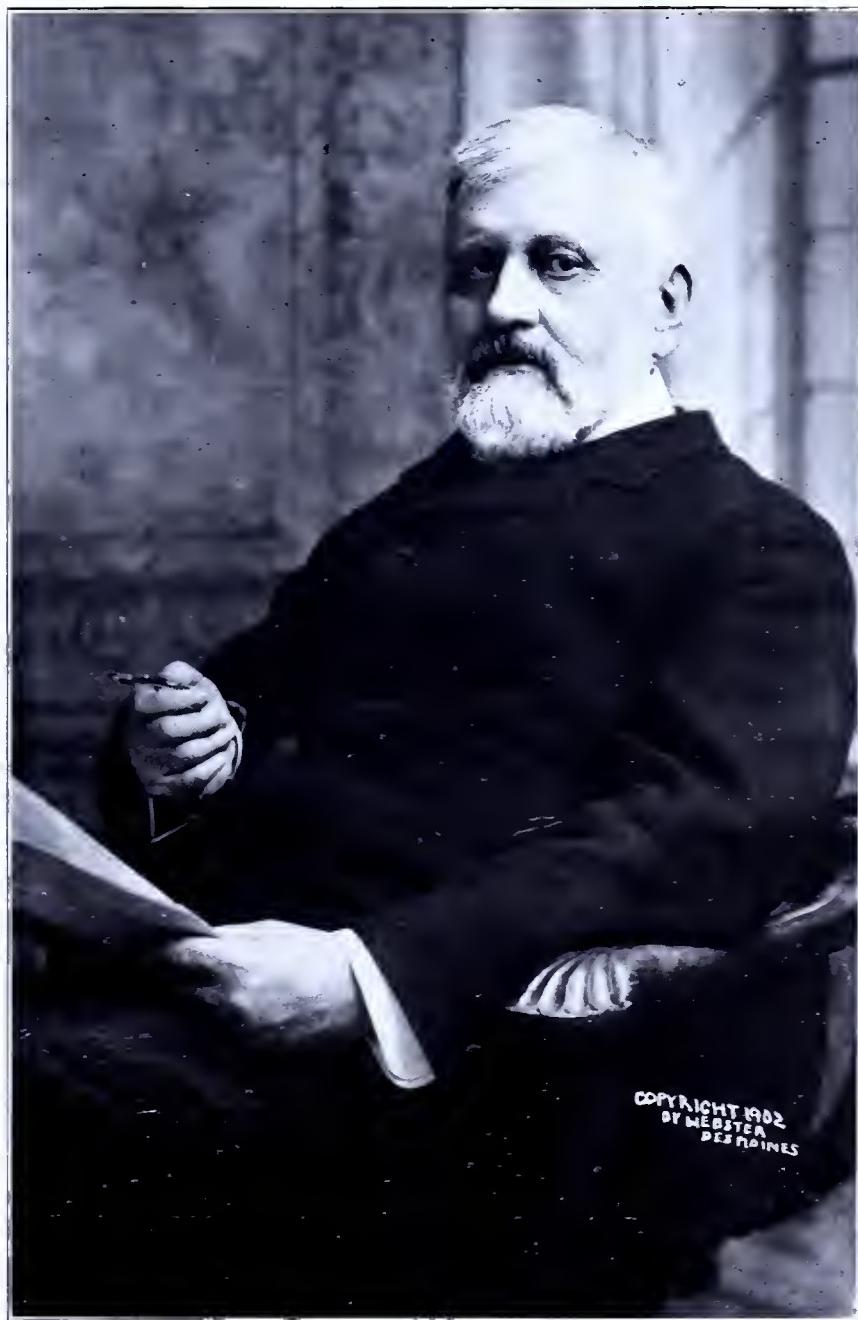
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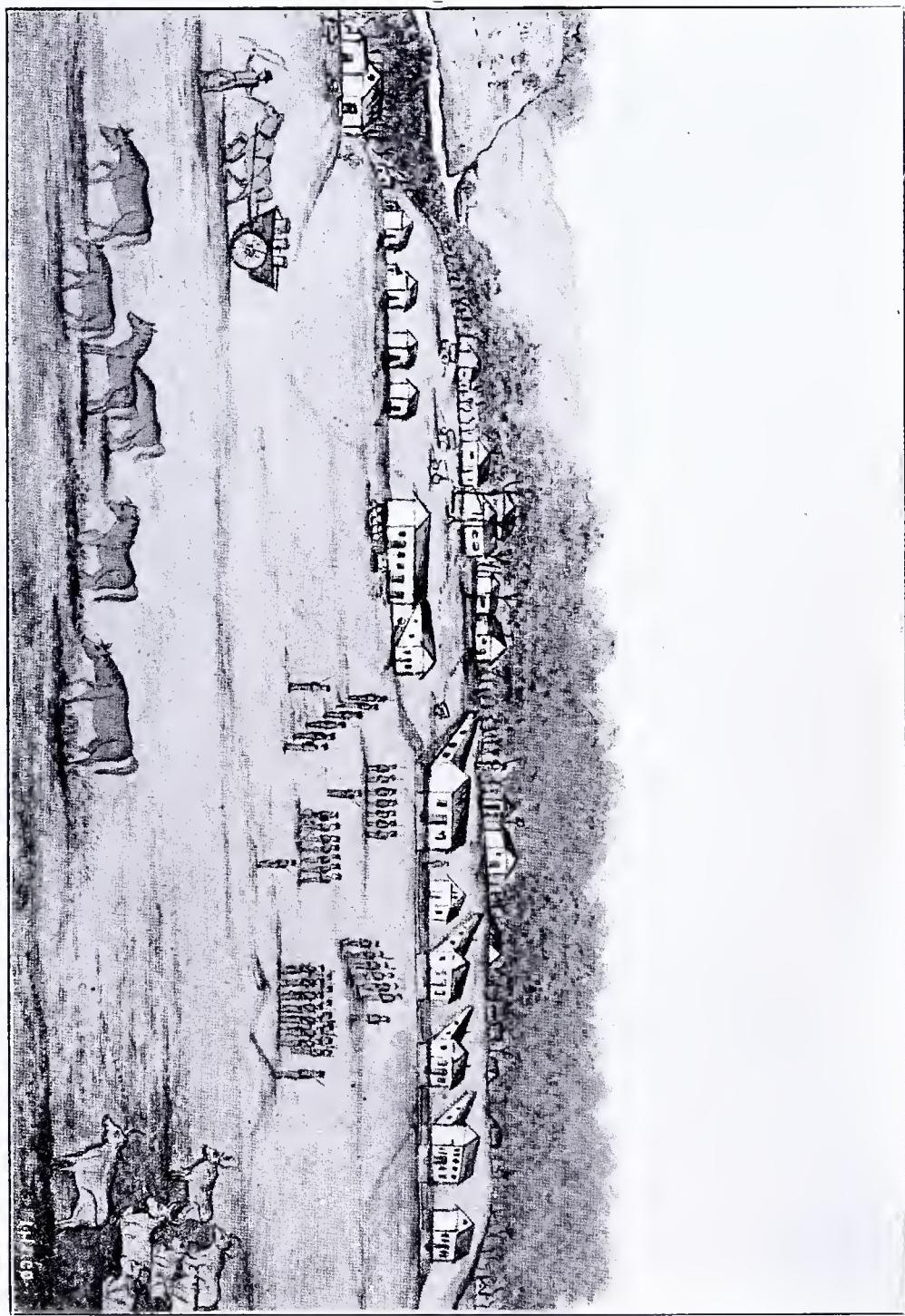
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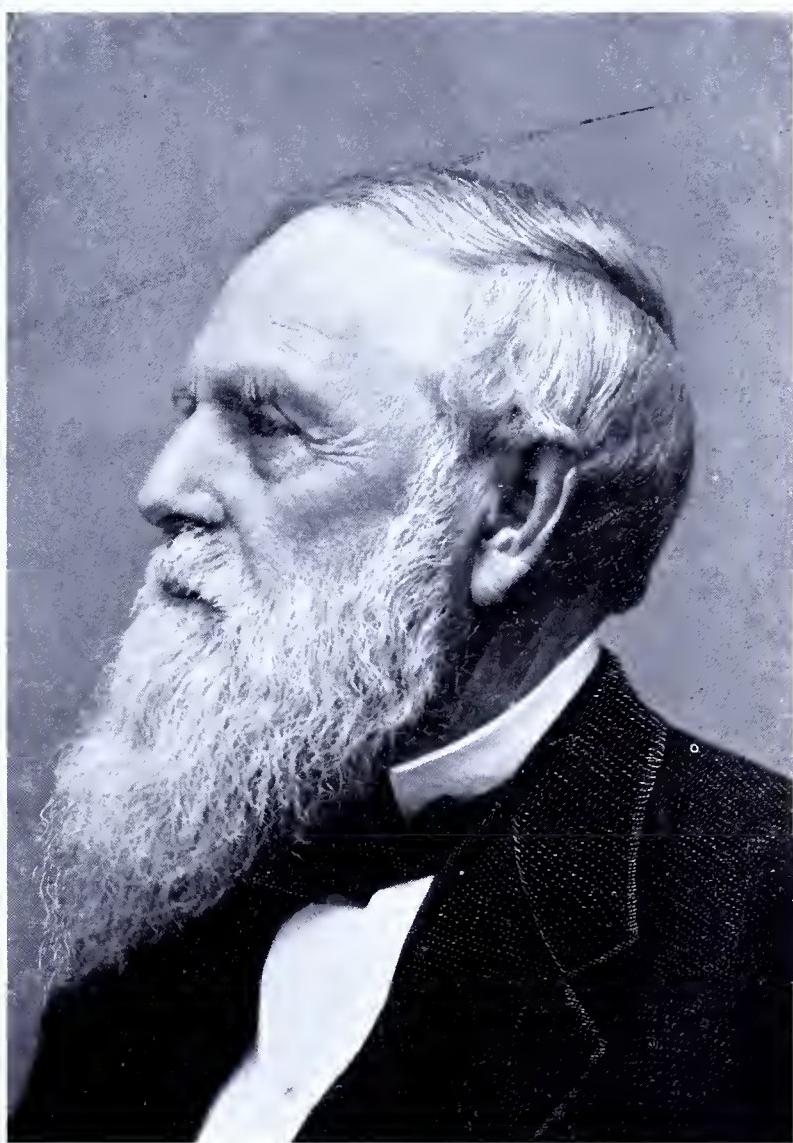


From a pencil sketch by the late Mayor William Williams

FORT DODGE IN 1850



JAMES W. GRIMES



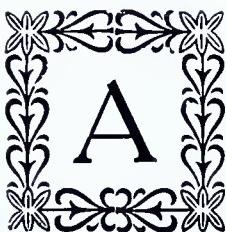
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Iowa: Its History and Its Foremost Citizens

AUTHOR'S INTRODUCTION



PURPOSE long under consideration has at last taken form in a history of Iowa written from the viewpoint of personality,—a history the aim of which is to show the extent to which great minds—minds possessed of vision, ambition, initiative—have developed a sparsely inhabited wilderness with undreamt of resources and possibilities, into a great commonwealth set apart on the map as “Iowa.”

Here is an area of fifty-six thousand square miles, lying between the upper Mississippi and the Missouri, over which for centuries there roamed the savage descendants, or conquerors, of an ancient civilization,—mere nomads with only a traditional past and without thought of the future beyond provision for their immediate necessities and the treasuring of tribal hatred and revenges.

The Indian pre-emptors of this region hunted and fished and fought and died and left behind them a scarcely more authentic memorial of their existence than we have of their contemporaries, the elk and the buffalo.

But for the oncoming of the white man, our Iowa would today be little if any further advanced toward the ideals of a world-civilization than it was in that far-off summer of 1673, when the pioneer priest, Marquette, and the intrepid explorer, La Salle, floating down the Wisconsin and out into the Mississippi, feasted their vision on “the beautiful land.”

The superficial Chesterfield saw in history “only a confused heap of facts”; but the thoughtful student of history cannot fail to find that the social and political movements of his own time have sprung from roots deeply buried in the past.

The greatest fact in history is the Great Man—the man in whom

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are happily combined broad vision, well-directed purpose, forceful yet tactful initiative, and unabating industry.

Regarded from this viewpoint, Iowa has been fortunate in her history.

The first white man known to have set foot upon her soil was a missionary imbued with a great purpose; and piloting him was a voyageur with an absorbing passion for discovery.

Adventurers floated past her eastern boundary but saw no promise in mere land, however fertile it might prove to be. Fur-traders penetrated her inland streams but remained no longer than was necessary to possess the treasures of the chase.

Then came the soldier-explorers, investigators and defenders of savage weakness against savage strength—Kearny, Albert Lea, Fremont, Street and Allen, who separately invaded the interior, not to destroy and lay waste, but to conserve, to build up.

In due time our isolated farmers and small communities, along our borders and interior rivers, united in a formidable demand for admission to the Union, and after repeated summons the door was thrown open, and the region—once part of the vast empire known as the Louisiana Territory, and later, respectively, a part of Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa Territory—was accorded a place among the sisterhood of commonwealths and was named the State of Iowa.

From the first, large men, men who saw their opportunities, comprehended their duties and dared to maintain their rights, were accorded seats in the councils of the State, and there saw to it that “the State’s collected will,” was embodied in statutes and crystallized into a code, contributing to the working out of their dream. Emerson, in a strangely pessimistic mood, once wrote—

“*Things* are in the saddle
And ride mankind.”

The history of Iowa tells a different story. Long before the birth of the commonwealth, and ever since that event, *men* have been in the saddle directing the movement of mere things. In this respect, the Kipling of our day is wiser than was the Sage of Concord, when he wrote the familiar lines:

“*Things* never yet created *things*—
Once on a time there was a *man*.”

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At all times in Iowa history there have been *men*,—creative souls that rose to emergencies and mastered material things,—men divinely commissioned for leadership who, nevertheless, humbly recognized the collective wisdom of “the plain people.”

The development of the history of Iowa from the earliest period down to and including its second Heroic Period, Iowa’s patriotic part in the great World War, and the presentation of Historical Biographies of Iowans who are conspicuously a part of that history, is the present purpose of

THE AUTHOR.

THE HISTORY OF IOWA WILL INCLUDE:

PART I.

A WILDERNESS DISCOVERED AND OCCUPIED.

THE INDIANS.

THE DISCOVERERS.

THE PIONEERS.

PART II.

FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED REGION TO A GREAT COMMONWEALTH.

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE.

THE TERRITORY OF MICHIGAN.

THE TERRITORY OF WISCONSIN.

THE TERRITORY OF IOWA.

PART III.

IOWA’S DEVELOPMENT AS A STATE.

THE FORMATIVE PERIOD.

THE HEROIC PERIOD.

THE PERIOD OF REORGANIZATION.

THE FIRST DECADE OF THE NEW CENTURY.

THE SECOND DECADE WELL BEGUN.

PART IV.

IOWA’S HEROIC PART IN THE WORLD WAR.

—————WITH————

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE SEVERAL ERAS OF IOWA’S
PROGRESS.

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Among the Historical Biographies in this great work are the following:

- Julien Dubuque—First Settler on Iowa Soil.
General Joseph M. Street—Pioneer Indian Agent and Reformer.
Captain James Allen—Founder of Fort Des Moines and of Iowa's State Capital.
General Augustus C. Dodge and General George W. Jones—Pioneer Senators.
Dr. William Salter—Pioneer Preacher and Historian.
James W. Grimes and James Harlan—Pioneer Anti-Slavery Champions and Iowa's First Republican Senators.
Samuel Freeman Miller—Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
George G. Wright and Chester C. Cole—Pioneer Jurists and Educators.
Theodore S. Parvin—Territorial Librarian, Educator and Publicist.
Samuel J. Kirkwood—Iowa's War Governor.
Benjamin F. Gme—Founder of Iowa's Agricultural College.
Grenville M. Dodge and Marcellus M. Crocker—Leaders of Iowans in the War for the Union.
Samuel Calvin—Iowa's Great Geologist.
William B. Allison—Iowa's Pre-eminent Post-bellum Statesman, and James F. Wilson, prominent in War and Reconstruction Legislature.
Colonel David B. Henderson—Farm Laborer, Lawyer, Congressman, Speaker of the National House of Representatives.
William Larabee—Iowa's Pre-eminent Reform Governor.
General Francis M. Drake—Soldier-Governor and Philanthropist.
John F. Duncome—Defender of the Frontier Against the Indians.
Judge L. G. Kinne—District Judge, Journalist and Supreme Court Justice.
Jonathan P. Dolliver—Iowa's Famous Orator and Statesman.
George D. Perkins—Pioneer Journalist and Representative in Congress.
Henry Wallace—Iowa's Pre-eminent Agricultural Editor.
Horace E. Deemer—One of Iowa's Pre-eminent Jurists.

PUBLISHERS' NOTE.

In 1915, under the general title of "Iowa: Its History and Its Foremost Citizens," appeared a work that met with remarkable favor from both press and people. It was written, as the author states, from the viewpoint of Personality; and well has he carried out his aim, as its many readers testify. The work is not a mass of dry statistics compiled from public records; but, going back to the landing of Marquette and Joliet on Iowa soil, it shows, step by step, how great men with great minds, clear vision and patriotic purpose, toiled on and on until what was once a vast wilderness has been converted into one of the greatest and most prosperous states of the Union. The work as originally published was too large for general use in the home and school, and the author has been importuned by educators in all parts of the state, and by many others of Iowa's most appreciative people, to bring out an edition that may find its way into every school and home in the state.

This work was first made possible by the public spirit of many prominent citizens of the state who had confidence in the ability of Mr. Brigham to give to Iowa what it had long needed—a complete, comprehensive, accurate and readable history—one that would visualize for the reader, and particularly for the young reader, the succession of leading events in the development of the commonwealth, and, too, the men who have contributed most to that development.

The success of the work was so complete, both from a literary and an educational viewpoint, that men who believed that nothing could be of higher educational value to the youth of Iowa, or a greater inspiration to Patriotism, than a widespread knowledge of the glorious record of their State, united in urging the author and the publishers that an edition be prepared which might go into every patriotic, enlightened Iowa home, thus widely presenting the high ideals and the great deeds of Iowa citizenry.

It was urged, first, that this Home and School Edition be placed financially within the reach of all; further, that it be durably bound and in convenient form for young and old.

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These conditions have been met in the present moderate-priced edition, in Two Volumes, bound in the stoutest, most durable and yet most attractive Library Buckram.

It was further urged that all of historic value in the first edition be preserved in the second, together with such revision and additions as the stirring events of the past few years might suggest.

In compliance with this demand, the original chapters have been thoroughly revised, all the historic biographies included and several biographies and chapters added, bringing the work down to, and including, Iowa's glorious part in the Great War. Not only this, but the accuracy of every statement has been verified by an expert historian connected with the State Historical Society; so that it is today a generally accepted standard Iowa History.

Again, it was suggested that to the history be added an account of the patriotic zeal with which Iowa, both in the field of agriculture and the economic arts and in the field of arms, responded to the call of President Wilson to make both America and "the World Safe for Democracy." It is a wonderful story, that of the manner in which Iowa has sent forth her best and bravest men of every racial descent, vying with one another in loyal sacrifice. It is a wonderful story, also, in that the very soil seemed to respond to the call of patriotism, making Iowa's products the hope of a warring and suffering world. All this is told for the first time, in comprehensive and permanent form, in the portions added by Mr. Brigham to his great History.

The last suggestion acted upon was that, in order to hold the interest of all, and particularly the young, the History be profusely illustrated. This has been done by the retention of the historic illustrations in the first edition and by the addition of many others; presenting for the first time in book form, authentic illustrations of the army camps and Camp Dodge, together with portraits of the leaders under whom Iowans are preparing for their contemplated march to Victory.

A unique feature of this history of Iowa is the large number of graphic and authentic biographies of the men who have helped to make Iowa great. Through these pen-pictures the names connected with Iowa history cease to be names only—they become vivid, living personalities. The reader learns of their struggles and disappointments as well as their great achievements, and on closing the volume he feels



WHEN IOWANS COME TO CAMP



IOWA RECRUTS ARRIVING AT CAMP DODGE



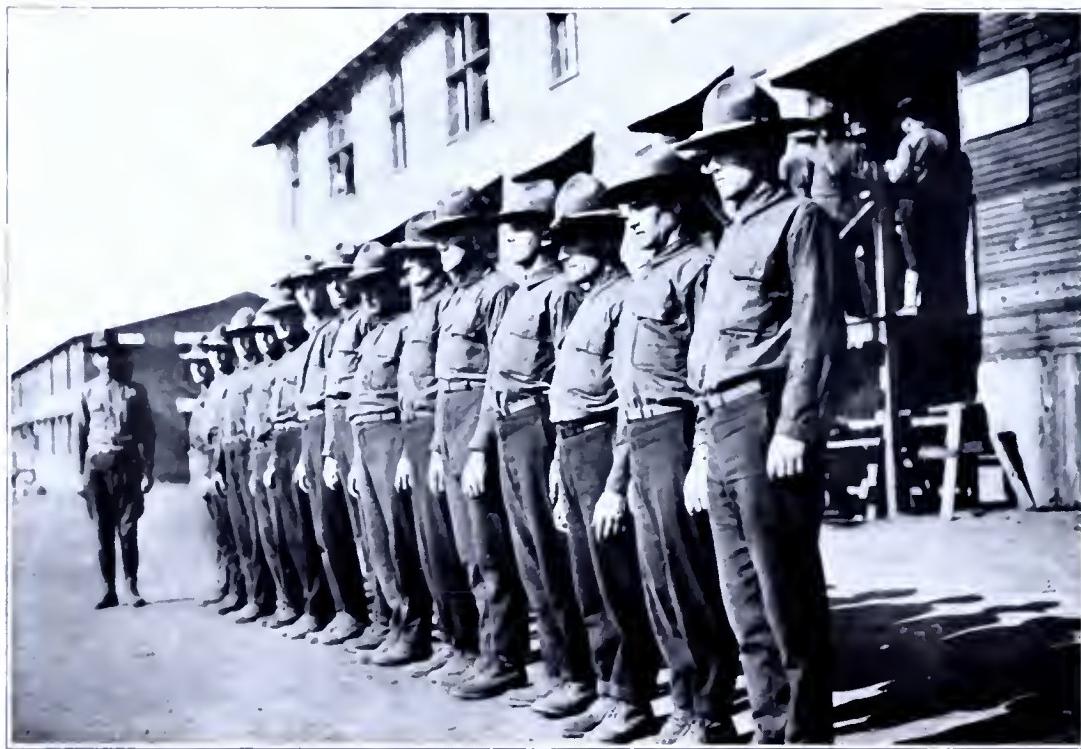
VIEWS OF CAMP
(Photos by Waterloo 10th)



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RIFLE PRACTICE AT CAMP DODGE



SIOUX CITY MEN IN COMPANY A

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that he has established a friendly, intimate acquaintance with real, flesh-and-blood people. This feature is an inspiration to youth and, to their elders as well. To adult readers it opens up the flood-gates of memory, vividly recalling the master-minds of other years.

To summarize: the Home and School Edition of "Iowa: Its History and Its Foremost Citizens," now offered, has been thoroughly and critically revised and re-edited. It is replete with hundreds of illustrations. It has been brought down-to-date, including the leading events of Governor Harding's administration, the mustering in and departure of Iowa's troops, and the assembling, at Camp Dodge, of thousands of citizen-soldiers from Iowa and neighboring states. The work is bound in two handsome and substantial volumes and printed on superfine, durable paper. Its value as an authentic and readable history is attested by such a competent judge as the Iowa Superintendent of Public Instruction, who unqualifiedly recommends it to the school libraries of this great commonwealth. It is not only the best and most comprehensive history of Iowa, but it is the peer of any state history in the United States.

It is, therefore, with great confidence that this revised and perfected Home and School Edition of "Iowa: Its History and Its Foremost Citizens" is presented, strictly on its merits as a work of great interest and educational value. The emergency of War has centered the attention of educators upon the necessity of arousing patriotic sentiment and they are unitedly of the opinion that one of the best methods for attaining this desirable end is by bringing to every youth and to every citizen a complete history of his own state. This is the high mission of the new Home and School Edition of Mr. Brigham's History of Iowa, a mission which it admirably fulfills.

THE S. J. CLARKE PUBLISHING COMPANY.



W. L. HARDING GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Iowa
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DES MOINES

October 23d, 1917.

Mr. Johnson Brigham,
State Librarian.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to learn that a popular edition of your notable work, "Iowa: Its History and Its Foremost Citizens," is about to be issued and that it will be brought down to date. Any data from the Executive Department which you may desire will be cheerfully furnished. One could ask no more than that recent history be as fairly, accurately and interestingly written as has been the earlier history of Iowa by you in the former edition.

I am familiar with this history of Iowa and have enjoyed it greatly. Nothing could be more conducive to patriotism than a thorough knowledge of the splendid achievements of Iowa as related in these volumes. I am glad that this new edition has received the endorsement of State Superintendent Deyoe and other educators and I hope that those responsible for the education of our youth will see to it that it has a place in every library and every school in Iowa.

Cordially yours,

W. L. Harding

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DesMoines

October 13, 1917.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Considerable emphasis is being placed in different states on the teaching of local history. We are in sympathy with the idea and believe that more attention should be given to the teaching of our state's history in the public schools.

The history of our own state would be interesting reading for the boys and girls in their homes. Honorable Johnson Brigham, State Librarian, has prepared a two volume History of Iowa worthy of a place in every home library and in every school library.

Yours truly,


Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Des Moines

August 7, 1917.

Hon. Johnson Brigham,
Historical Building,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Brigham:

Every school in Iowa should possess a copy of your book "Iowa: Its History and Its Foremost Citizens". It is filled with good things and would be an inspiration to all of our young people. It is gratifying to know that you have put out a school edition that may be sold within reach of every school corporation.

After carefully reading your book, I am frank to say that you have taken many dry historical statements and made them into real live language that challenges the attention of every reader. I predict for this book a substantial sale.

Iowa has long needed a history of the state penned by one with keen imagination yet one who keeps "actual facts" within the bounds of truth. This you have done in a marked degree. I believe it is one of the very best state histories now upon the market.

Respectfully yours,

Frank D. Joseph

Deputy State Superintendent.



FORT DES MOINES IN 1851, SHOWING THE UNPRECEDENTED FLOOD OF THAT YEAR



OLD CAPITOL AT DES MOINES, ERECTED IN 1857, OCCUPIED UNTIL 1886



BONAPARTE MILL ON THE DES MOINES RIVER



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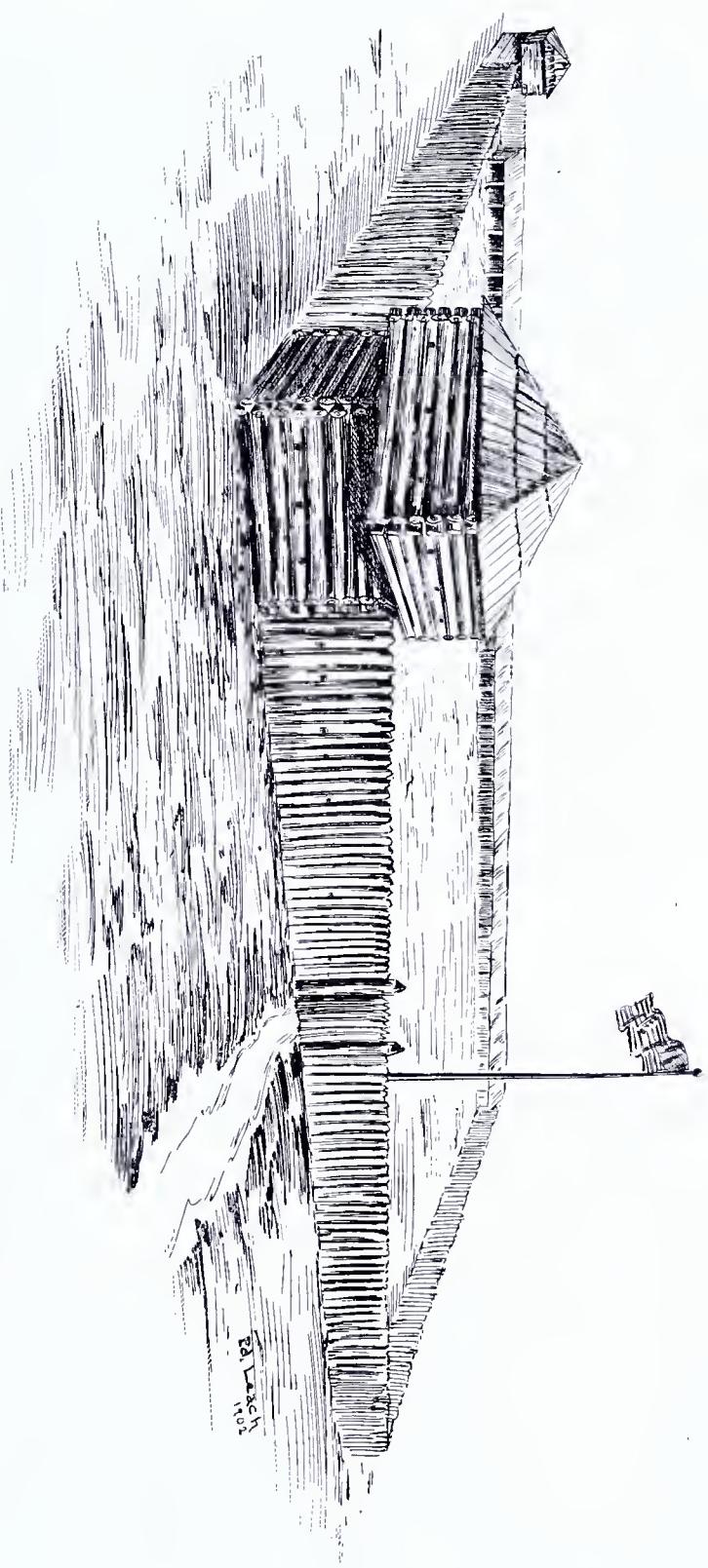
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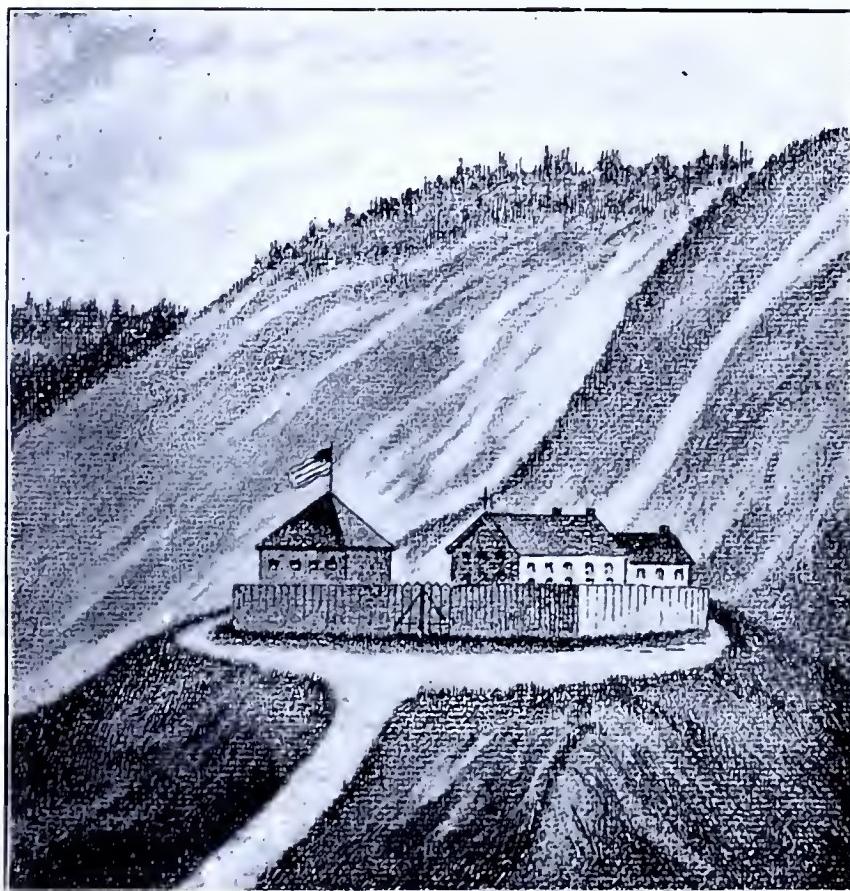
THE MAXSON HOUSE, NEAR SPRINGDALE, WHERE JOHN BROWN DRILLED
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OLD STONE CAPITOL AT IOWA CITY, SINCE USED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY



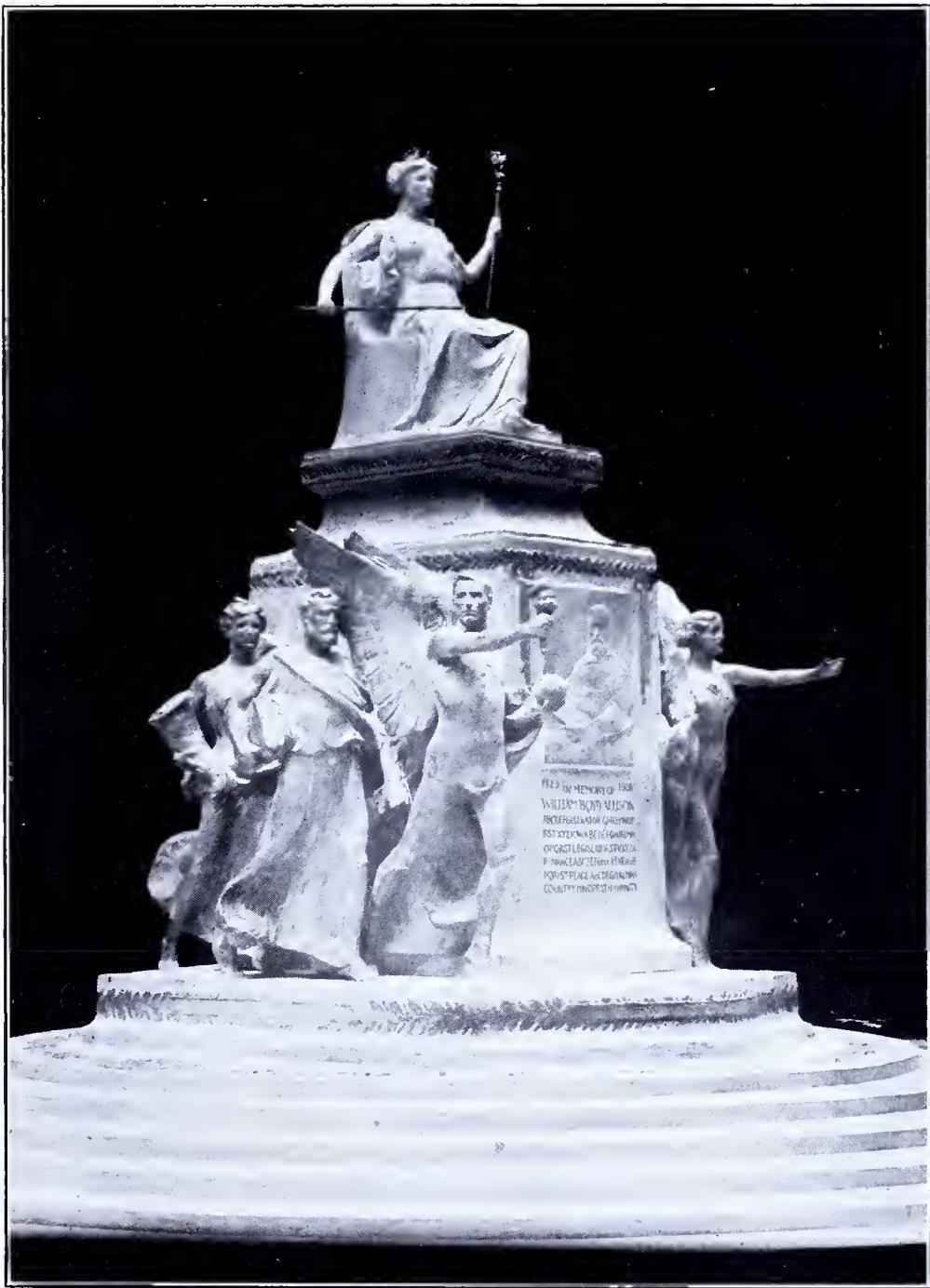
STOCKADE AT CORRECTIONVILLE, ERECTED IN 1862 AS A DEFENSE AGAINST HOSTILE INDIANS



OLD BLOCKHOUSE, ERECTED IN 1838, WHERE COUNCIL BLUFFS STANDS



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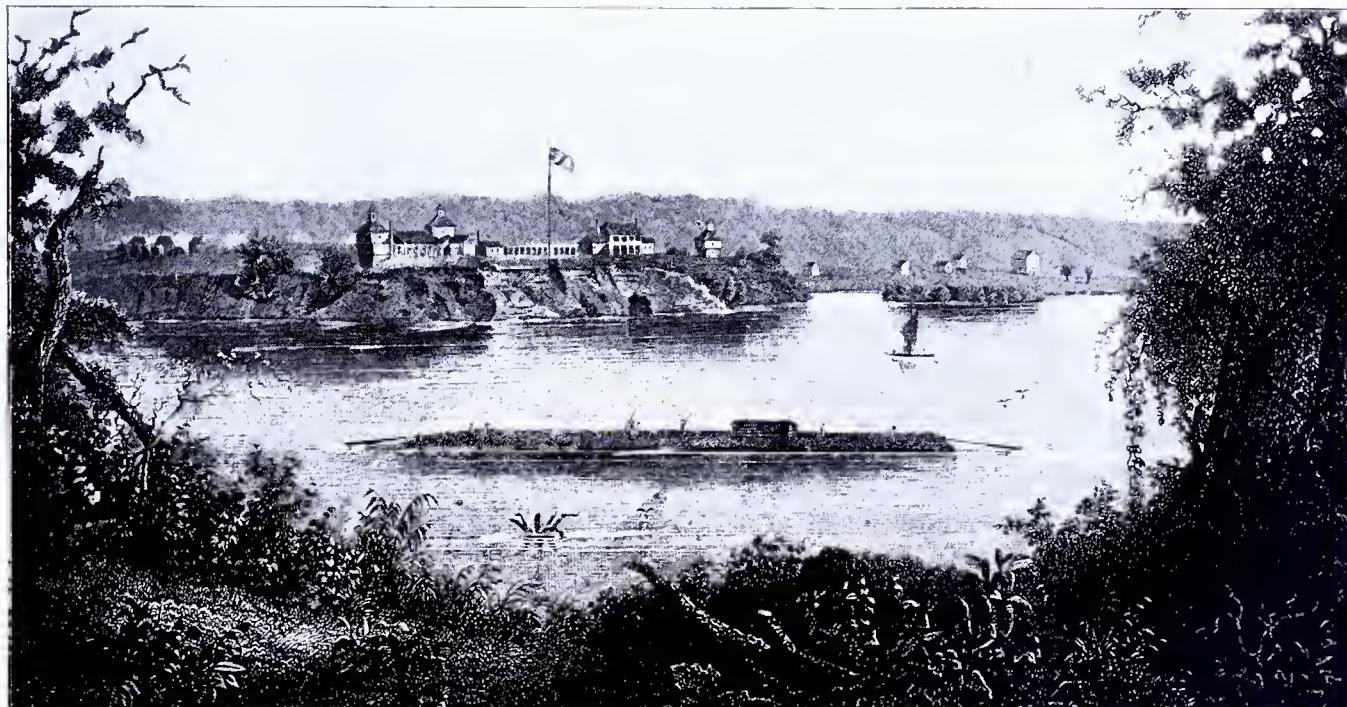
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM BOYD ALLISON



JOHN BROWN'S TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN SPRINGDALE, IOWA



THE OLD INDIAN AGENCY AT AGENCY CITY, WAPELLO COUNTY, THE OFFICIAL
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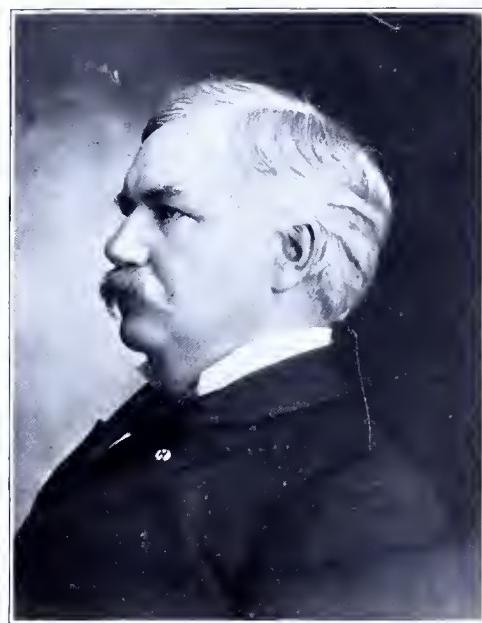
FORT ARMSTRONG, ON ROCK ISLAND



FIRST LOG CABIN IN FORT DES MOINES



J. P. DOLLIVER



COL. D. B. HENDERSON



JUDGE L. G. KINNE



GEN. N. B. BAKER



WM. LARRABEE

PRAIRIE SCHOONER





TABLET IN MEMORY OF IOWA'S REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS, IN THE HISTORICAL BUILDING, DES MOINES



GEORGE D. PERKINS *



MOUTH OF THE WISCONSIN RIVER WHERE MARQUETTE DISCOVERED IOWA.
IOWA SHORE IN THE DISTANCE BEYOND THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER



MILL ON THE IOWA RIVER FROM WHICH KIRKWOOD WAS CALLED TO BE
GOVERNOR



